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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A THICK MATTER PUMP

Attorney Docket No.: 3827.142

Customer Number: 000041288

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: Mail Stop PCT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.